

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re: Harris et al.  
Appl No.: 09/824,395  
Filed: April 2, 2001  
For: DEGRADABLE HETEROBIFUNCTIONAL  
POLY(ETHYLENE GLYCOL) ACRYLATES AND  
GELS AND CONJUGATES DERIVED THEREFROM

Confirmation No: 1903  
Group Art Unit: 1711  
Examiner: N. Nutter

December 21, 2001

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed June 22, 2001, Applicants hereby elects the claims of Group II, which are Claims 2 through 7 and 12 through 16. In response to the requirement for election of species, Applicant hereby elects the species of Claim 2 for which Claims 4 through 7 are generic.

Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

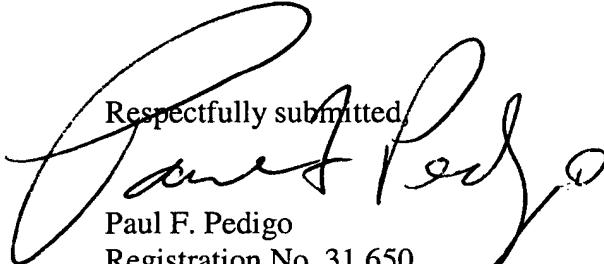
It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required

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